

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98-385-H)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/899,422 )  
Filed: July 3, 2001 )  
For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding )  
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them )

Before the Examiner: E. O'Hara  
Group Art Unit: 1646

Commissioner for Patents  
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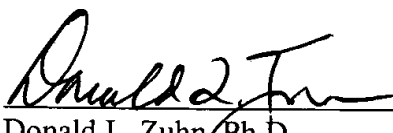
Sir:

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed September 17, 2003. A check including the amount of \$950.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff

Dated: March 17, 2004

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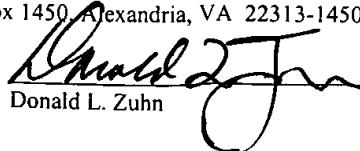
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